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Rep. Honda Secures Funding for Silicon Valley Companies in Defense Bill Signed by President

WASHINGTON, October 23, 2002 — Today, President Bush signed into law a \$355.1 billion defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2003 that includes provisions that Representative Mike Honda (D-San Jose) lobbied for. "This defense bill gives the federal government the necessary resources to continue to fight the war against terrorism," said Rep. Honda. "We will increase national security by allowing the military to continue to take advantage of technological advancements, many of which are developed in Silicon Valley." Following are earmarks that Rep. Honda secured for Department of Defense programs with a Silicon Valley impact:

LIVAR Sensor Development Program -- \$4.2 million

Laser Illuminated Viewing and Ranging (LIVAR) technology enables target identification at longer ranges than presently possible. This capability will give U.S. forces more effective systems by increasing targeting effectiveness and reducing collateral damage. Intevac, a **Santa Clara**-based manufacturer of complex capital equipment, produces LIVAR technology.

Installation of redesigned VME tuners for the Navy's EP-3E fleet of aircraft -- \$3.4 million

The Navy operates 14 EP-3E land-based electronic reconnaissance aircraft in two fleet squadrons. The current EP-3Es have been heavily tasked to provide reconnaissance support for NATO forces in Bosnia, Kosovo, the Persian Gulf, and Afghanistan. The redesigned VME tuners, manufactured in EDO's **Morgan Hill** facility, will increase operational performance while reducing on-board weight.

U.S. Display Consortium Research and Development -- \$7 million

In today's military environment, information acquisition is always important to military engagements. One of the key components for providing accurate and timely data distribution is the electronic display, which permits an intensive quantity of data to be presented visually. The USDC, which now includes over 75 companies, coordinates the industry's efforts and supports high-risk R&D programs that are needed to overcome remaining technology barriers. The consortium includes Silicon Valley facilities for companies, such as **AKT, Applied Materials, IBM, Philips, and Photon Dynamics.**

Automated Data Processing Equipment – Sierra Army Depot -- \$1 million

Sierra Army Depot in California manages, maintains and controls over \$7 billion in facilities and U.S. government assets, including humanitarian assets and contingency operations equipment. The Sierra Army Depot is required to maintain Total Asset Visibility. Savi Technology, a **Palo Alto**-based company, has developed the DoD's Total Asset Visibility Network, the largest real-time visibility network. The network includes 350 nodes in 20 countries tracking 250,000 conveyances per day.